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1. DURING THE WEEK BEFORE THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE COMITE THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL PRELIMINARY INFORMAL MEETINGS. ON BALANCE THE RESULTS OF THESE MEETINGS AUGER WELL FOR THE FORTHCOMING SESSION THOUGH ONE OR TWO POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME NOTES HAVE BEEN STRUCK.

2. THE SIX POWER CO-SPONSORS (AUSTRALIA, CANADA, ITALY, JAPAN, UK, US) HELD A MEETING TO REVIEW OUR POSITIONS. THERE WAS BROAD AGREEMENT ON MOST ISSUES. ON SELF-DETERMINATION THE AUSTRALIANS AND CANADIANS INDICATED AN INCLINATION TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE GOING WELL BEYOND THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS TEXT AS DID THE JAPANESE THOUGH TO A LESSER EXTENT. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THEY WILL NOT PUBLICLY SEPARATE THEMSELVES FROM US INITIALLY AND WE PLAN KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THEM. ITALIAN REP SAID HE NOT SURE ROME WOULD HOLD FIRM IF THE ARABS COME OUT STRONGLY FOR VERY WEAK REFERENCES TO INDIRECT USES OF FORCE. HE AGREED TO STAY FIRM FOR TIME BEING.

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3. SANDERS (GUYANA) ORGANIZED INFORMAL MEETING OF

COMITE MEMBERS TO DISCUSS BUREAU AND SUBSTANCE.
CONSENSUS SEEMED TO EMERGE FROM MEETING TO HAVE
BROMS (FINLAND) AS CHAIRMAN, SANDERS (GUYANA) AS
RAPPOREUR AND AN ASIAN AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN
FOR EACH OF THE VICE CHAIRMANSIPS.

4. MISOFF LUNCED WITH KOLESNIK (SOV REP). LATER
SAID GROMYKO HAD PERSONALLY URGED HIM TO BRING HOME
AN AGREED TEXT.

5. KOLESNIK SAID USSR COULD ACCEPT ALL THE PAREAS THAT
EMERGED FROM THE 1973. SESSION. HE SAID THEY FELT
STRONGLY ABOUT OBTAINING LANGUAGE ON AGGRESSION AS
"A CRIME". HE INDICATED SYMPATHY WITH OUR DESIRE TO
REDRAFT ARTICLES 3 AND 4 OF 1973 TEXT IN ORDER PRESERVE
SC DISCRETION MORE EXPLICITLY. HE WAS LESS FORTHCOMING
ON STRENGTHENING COVERAGE OF INDIRECT USES OF FORCE
AND LIMITATION OF SELF-DETERMINATION. HE CAUTIONED
THAT TOO HARD A LINE ON THIS COULD SPOIL WHAT APPEARED
TO BE A GOOD CHANCE FOR AGREEMENT. MISOFF SAID WE
WOULD SEEK MAKE OUR POINTS AS UNPROVOCATIVELY AS POSSIBLE
BUT THAT WE NEEDED SOME PROGRESS ON BOTH THESE ISSUES
IF WE ARE TO AGREE TO A TEXT.
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